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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits for the above captioned application, no filing fee is due. If it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) is provided herewith in connection with the above-captioned application. The cited documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 are supplied herewith in the English language. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

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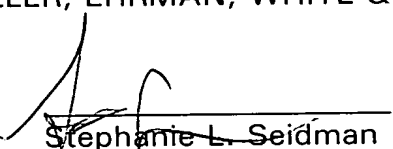
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing reference and that it be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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